

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10
By Henry

A RESOLUTION to express the sorrow of the General Assembly
at the death of former Attorney General David M.
Pack.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of
this General Assembly learned of the death of Nashville's David M. Pack, who served the
people of Tennessee in various public capacities for 22 exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, we remember General Pack as an attorney of considerable talent, and
fondly recall his commitment and honor in public service and his bountiful life of purpose; and

WHEREAS, General Pack served adroitly in the cabinets of two governors prior to his
astute service as state Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, he served with diligence and distinction as state highway commissioner
under Governor Frank Clement from 1963-67; and

WHEREAS, during his august tenure, Tennessee led the nation in interstate highway
development; and

WHEREAS, he served capably as the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking from
1968-69 under Governor Buford Ellington; and

WHEREAS, described variously as a "fine gentleman, excellent lawyer and outstanding
public servant", General Pack distinguished himself as an attorney of singular talent and
dedication during his estimable term of service as state Attorney General from 1969-74; and

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WHEREAS, as Attorney General, Mr. Pack rebuffed an attempt to raise judges' salaries in mid-term by declaring the legislative bill enacting the raise to be at "irreconcilably at odds" with the Tennessee Constitution; and

WHEREAS, he later left the attorney general's office to pursue the Democratic Party's nomination for Governor; and

WHEREAS, a studious, serious person who fully committed himself to the many leadership positions he held during his lifetime, General Pack's integrity was impeccable, and his character was greatly admired and respected by his peers; and

WHEREAS, a native of Sevierville, General Pack received his law degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after proudly serving his country in the United States Army from 1942-46 during World War II, General Pack served with distinction as city attorney of Gatlinburg from 1952-54; and

WHEREAS, he also proved himself to be a tireless advocate for fairness and equity throughout his tenure as a Chancery Court judge from 1954-57, and his service as an assistant state attorney general from 1957-62; and

WHEREAS, a brilliant man dedicated to public service, General Pack has been described by Congressman Bob Clement as "a very humble man, a very gentle man, but a man with much compassion"; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his widow, Ruth Dixon Pack; a son, David Pack, Jr., who is head football coach at Christ Presbyterian Academy; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Paul Bundy Thompson of Houston, Texas; and two grandchildren, Paul Bundy Thompson, Jr. and Caroline Ruth Thompson; and

WHEREAS, David M. Pack rose from humble origins to astutely serve his fellow Tennesseans in the highest offices of state government; men of his stature do not often walk

among us, and his life of purpose and achievement should be appropriately commemorated;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor the memory of former Attorney General David
M. Pack, reflecting fondly upon his indelible legacy of estimable public service and his tireless
commitment to perpetuating the public good.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our condolences and sympathy to his
family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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